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Biane Applauds Cities for Going “Green”

SAN BERNARDINO –Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane would like to congratulate San Bernardino County cities that have implemented “green” policies to promote alternative energy, sustainable development and recycling in their communities.

“Last year when the Green County San Bernardino initiatives were rolled out, I pledged to reach out to our 24 incorporated cities to encourage them to implement similar policies, and I’m proud to report that many of our cities have taken tremendous strides to go ‘green,’” Biane said. “I applaud cities for embracing policies and programs that help preserve our natural resources and our environment. Through our combined efforts, we are making the County of San Bernardino a leader in the ‘green’ movement.”

Additionally, several cities have adopted resolutions to become Green Valley Jurisdictions through the Green Valley Initiative, an unprecedented movement designed to address the regional jobs/housing imbalance by attracting and developing “green” technology companies and jobs to the Inland Empire. More information is available at www.greenvalleynow.org.

The following is a partial list of “green” programs and policies implemented by cities throughout the County of San Bernardino.

City of Barstow

Adopted landscape ordinance requiring desert adaptive landscaping for all new construction

Conducts water audits to insure the most efficient use of water in parks & other city-owned facilities

City of Big Bear Lake

The City replaces incandescent light bulbs in City facilities with high-efficiency bulbs as needed

The City's sewer system (sanitation) monitoring is powered by solar panels

City of Chino

Installs artificial turf instead of grass in medians; provides low-flush toilets to residents

Promotes the use of reusable bags through the "Shop Chino" program

City of Chino Hills

Started the "20 Gallons Challenge" to encourage residents to voluntarily cut their water usage to 20 gallons per day or less

Operates a recycled water program use "grey" water to irrigate city parks and other city property

City of Colton

Installed solar panels on top of city-owned parking structure

Replaced City Christmas lights with energy-efficient LED (Light Emitting Diodes) lights

City of Fontana

Waives building permit fees when a business installs solar panels

Lewis Library and Resource Technology Center – the largest library in San Bernardino County – adheres to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards to conserve water and energy usage.

City of Grand Terrace

Energy management systems in City buildings save energy by turning systems off automatically

All new City landscaping includes drip irrigation to reduce annual water consumption

City of Hesperia

Adopted ordinance limiting landscaping to preserve water, reduce sprinkler runoff

Active recycling program with schools, businesses and residents

City of Loma Linda

Provides expedited plan checks for energy-efficient developments

Solar panels produce 75 percent of the energy the City's uses daily

City of Montclair

Operates extensive fleet of alternative fuel vehicles

City offers a rideshare program for City employees who carpool to work.
Participants receive a 15-gallon fuel certificate and one free car wash per month

City of Rancho Cucamonga

Banned polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam) use in City-owned facilities

City of Redlands

Provides permit processing incentives for developments that incorporate LEED standards

Replaced half of the City's diesel-powered solid waste trucks with cleaner-burning natural gas-powered trucks

City of San Bernardino

Waives building permits for the installation of solar panels

Built a natural gas fueling station

City of Upland

Worked with Southern California Edison to improve energy efficiency at Upland Water Department by approximately 10% annually, saving the City about \$150,000

Provides public education classes on drought-tolerant landscaping to promote water conservation; provides free water-sensing irrigation controls to participants

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